

**WATERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
2010 RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1) The league fee must be paid by **April 16, 2010**. Checks should be made payable to the City of Waterville. The league fee for the 2010 season will be \$325. There is a \$5.00 fee for all players that are not residents of the City of Waterville. The non-resident fee is due by **June 4, 2010**.

2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by **June 4, 2010**. Players may only be registered on one roster and hence participate on one team. Rosters are limited to 18 players. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's fourth scheduled game. Any male playing in this league may not play on any Bash Division league team; however, they can play on a Smash Division team. After the fourth game, in order to be able to add any players to your roster, your roster must drop to 12 players. At that time you may add up to three players. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. According to ASA rules; article 502 A – Male team rosters should include male players only. Teams will be prohibited from participating in the end of the season tournament if a complete roster is not submitted to the Department.

3) A player must be 18 to be eligible to play in the league.

4) All players must wear uniform shirts that are alike in color with a number. Teams will have until the 4<sup>th</sup> scheduled game to meet this requirement. Each player not meeting this requirement by the 4<sup>th</sup> game will not be eligible to play in that game.

5) Games will start at the following times:

Rummel Field – 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm. Games will be played at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 on Sundays.

Herlihy & Reed Fields – 6:15pm & 7:15pm, whenever possible

**NOTE: Players must be at field by scheduled start time (NO GRACE TIME).**

6) Teams will be notified of game cancellations by 5:00pm. Cancellations will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department. Some fields hold water worse than others so we may cancel games based on the individual field condition. Therefore there will be times when some fields are open and others are not. Only captains may call in for cancellation information. Parks and Recreation will send an email to those captains when games have been canceled, except for Sunday games. Any team found on a field after a rain cancellation or when an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department deems the field unplayable will be sanctioned as the Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine the sanction at that time.

7) Should games be cancelled at the field by the umpires, both teams are responsible for compensating the umpires. If a team forfeits a game at the field, the team who forfeits will pay both umpires. If both teams forfeit, each team will pay one umpire. Teams will be removed from the schedule for any forfeit fees owed until they are paid to the umpires or Waterville Parks and Recreation.

8) Players, coaches, scorekeepers, and sponsors are the only persons allowed in the dugout. Children (ages 16 and under) are not permitted to be in the dugout or on the playing field.

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9) Alcohol is not permitted in or around playing areas. This includes all parking lots near fields. Smoking is prohibited on all school grounds; include fields at Reed and Herlihy. Smoking is prohibited on all fields and in dugouts.

10) If a team forfeits three games in the season, they will be removed from the league with no refund. Games that were scheduled for the remainder of the season may be rescheduled. Rescheduling is at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**PLAYING RULES**

Games will be governed by current ASA Men's Slow Pitch Softball Playing Rules with the following points of emphasis and exceptions:

- 1) Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide an umpire with a line up card, new ball, and \$20.
- 2) Short-Handed Rule: A game may begin with nine players. The absent player's spot must be listed last in the batting order. Whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared. Once the absent player arrives, he must be inserted into the vacant spot immediately.
- 3) The ASA casual profanity rule will be enforced.
- 4) Bats certified/approved by the ASA are permissible. Use of banned ASA bats is strictly prohibited. If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department. Your team is subject to an official checking of all bats at any time during a game.
- 5) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 6) The pitching arc is defined at 6-10 feet.
- 7) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game with a progressive homerun allowed thereafter. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 8) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by an umpire, he will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next three scheduled games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. Suspended players are not allowed to sit on the bench.
- 9) The team captain or acting team captain must notify the plate umpire immediately if a game is being played under protest. A written protest must be submitted to Jeff Marshall, League Commissioner, with a copy to the Parks and Recreation Department within 24 hours (if the protested game is played on Friday night, the written protest must be received by the following Monday).